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Greetings to our Gardening Friends

We send you our supplement to our 1953-1954 catalogue. You will note certain changes — from a new mailing address and telephone number (but we are still in the same place) to many items of interest and usefulness in your garden.

There is also an out-of-stock list — please consult it to avoid disappointment when ordering. Directions for ordering by mail are in our regular catalogue. If your copy of our 1953-1954 catalogue is lost, strayed or worn out, write us for another copy.

ANTHEMIS Grallagh Gold — To 2½ feet, large golden yellow flowers all summer, finely cut foliage. An excellent cut flower and a fine companion to the older "Moonlight". Sun. g.c.

ARABIS Rosabella — Crinkly rosettes of foliage and deep pink flowers in early spring. Sheer 1/3 after flowering. 4's.

Rosabelle — A blush pink form of the above. 4's.

ARMERIA pseudarmeria, Glory of Holland — One of the finest sea thrifts we have seen. From rosettes of lance-shaped dark green foliage, bare stems rise to 18 to 20 inches, topped by a round ball 1-1½ inches across of rose pink flowers. Hardly ever out of bloom and blooms heavily in spring and summer. Good cut. Sun. g.c.

ASTERS (Michaelmas Daisies)

Height 2-4 feet.

Alaska — A larger purer white than any we've seen, though the old flowers turn pink with age as usual. g.c.

Eventide — The most luscious deep violet blue huge almost full double flowers.

ASTER amellus, Pink Summertime — Same as lavender blue Summertime except nice clear pink flowers. g.c.

†**BACCHARIS pilularis** (Dwarf Chapparral Broom) — A dwarf form of this common native shrub which makes an excellent tough ground cover. Withstands drought and neglect. Has small light green leaves and spreads to 12 feet with a maximum height of 10 inches. g.c. \$1.25.

CEANOTHUS — We are gradually increasing our stock of this fine, fast-growing group of natives. All must have good drainage and sun.

†**gloriosus** (Point Reyes Ceanothus) — Low-growing dense mat 1-2 feet high and 5-10 feet across, with small dark green leaves and lavender blue flowers in spring. g.c. \$1.25.

†**horizontalis** (Carmel Creeper) — Low growing, 1½ to 3 feet high and 5-15 feet wide with medium green 1-2 inch long leaves and short spikes of blue flowers in spring. Has a tendency to die out where drainage is not perfect, but is one of the most popular and handsome bank covers. g.c. \$1.25.

†**repens** — An excellent and too little used ground cover Ceanothus with small crisp medium green leaves and light blue flowers in spring. Spread 5-6 feet, height 8 inches to 2 feet. g.c. \$1.25.

CEANOTHUS hybrids

†**Mary Lake** — Rapid growing to 2 feet high and 6-10 feet broad with deep blue flower clusters. An excellent bank cover. Said to tolerate adobe soils. g.c. \$1.25.

Sierra Blue — An erect form, rapid growing to 6-10 feet with large flower clusters of sharp clear blue. Will stand clipping. Good for screen or hedge. g.c. \$1.25.

†**CISTUS villosus prostratus** — A good tough shrubby ground cover to 10 inches high and spreading to 2 feet or more with crinkly grey green small leaves and pure white flowers in late spring. Sun. g.c. \$1.25.

ERIOCEPHALUS africanus — A much branched silvery bush from 2-5 feet high with equivalent spread. Flowers small, white and profuse. Good with natives. Tender in frost districts. g.c. \$1.00.

ERIOGONUMS, Native Buckwheats — A fine group of grey foliaged drought resistant plants which flower late summer and fall. Should be given good drainage, no pruning except of flower stalks, and watered sparingly — never overhead. Effective both in flower and foliage on dry banks and with other natives. Good cut flower and dries well for arrangements. g.c. \$1.00.

arborescens (Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat) — 3-4 feet high, 4-5 feet wide with slender grey green leaves. Produces flat heads about 3-4 inches across of pale pink flowers on stems well above the foliage, in late summer and fall.

crocatum (Saffron Buckwheat) — Distinctive in flower, foliage and size from all others listed. Flower is bright yellow in spring in flat heads, very effective against the silvery almost white foliage. Plant compact to 18 inches tall and wide.

elongatum — The flower stalks on this give the effect. They are long to 4 feet, arching to make an open airy mound with a spread of 4-5 feet, leafless, and ghost grey with little pink balls at intervals of 2-3 inches along the stalk. A natural for flower arrangers and very effective in an evening garden.

ERIOGONUMS (Continued)

giganteum (St. Catherine's Lace) — The largest, to 5 feet or more height and spread, large silvery grey leaves and white flowers in huge flat heads 3-6 inches across in such profusion that the effect is of a lacy canopy.

rubescens (San Miguel Island Buckwheat) — Grey green rounded leaves and brilliant rose-red flowers in rather ball-shaped clusters from July to November. Forms a rather loose clump 2-3 feet high and wide.

ERYSIMUM Kotschyanum — A real find from the high mountains of Asia Minor. Makes compact bright evergreen little mounds not over 2 inches high, covered in spring by bright yellow flowers just above the foliage. Sun or very light shade. 4's. 80c.

EUPHORBIA epithymoides — To 1 foot with light green foliage and heads of yellow flowers in late spring. g.c.

Wulfenii — Like "myrsinites" in foliage and flower, but upright in habit to 2-3 feet. Late winter and early spring. An excellent tub plant. g.c.

GEUM Borisii — A dwarf Geum very useful for edging with orange red single flowers in profusion through the summer. To 1 foot. 4's.

†**HELIANTHEMUM** Jock Scott — Wonderful tomato red flowers. Plant has a slightly stiffer habit than others and bright green foliage. 4's.

HELICHRYSUM petiolatum — Grown mostly for its white woolly round foliage, but the creamy white flowers are everlasting and good in flower arrangements. Plant effective where it can trail. Height 2 feet, spread to 4 feet. Sun and good drainage. g.c. \$1.00.

†**KUNZEA pomifera** — One of the flattest and toughest shrubby ground covers we have ever seen — one plant will spread six feet or more and its height is 6-8 inches at most. Very small crowded evergreen leaves which have a blue grey tone. New growth has reddish stems. Flowers small, white, dense in spring. Drought resistant. g.c. \$1.25.

LAVANDULA pinnata — A most attractive and different lavender with grey divided leaves and true blue flowers on stalks well above the foliage. Makes a neat grey mound to 1 foot high and wide. Since it comes from the Canary Islands it is tender in frosty districts. 4's. 80c.

Stoechas (Spanish Lavender) — 18-inches to 2 feet or more in height and spread with rich dark purple flowers in fat short spikes with a little tuft at top like a feather in its hat. Grey narrow foliage. Drought resistant. g.c. \$1.00.

†**PIMELIA coartica** — A prostrate shrublet from New Zealand with tiny leaves on long branches. A good trailer or basket plant and an excellent permanent bulb cover. Has tiny white flowers and white berries, but not too conspicuous. 4's 80c.

ROSMARINUS Tuscan Blue — A new upright Rosemary from England, with bright green foliage and sky blue flowers — a real find in habit and color. g.c. \$1.25.

SALVIA Clevelandii (Fragrant Sage) — A shrubby spreading plant 4-5 feet high and wide, with grey green long narrow leaves and flowers blue and profuse in summer, sun. Has an enchanting honey fragrance to the whole plant. Good in native plantings as it is drought resistant. g.c. \$1.00.

officinalis variegated form — A decorative sage with leaves purplish when young and then interestingly variegated yellow to white. Flowers like regular sage. g.c.

SCHIZOSTYLIS coccinea var. Mrs. Hegarty — A charming plant related to Gladiolus with fleshy roots like an Agapanthus and foliage like Gladiolus. Flowers are star-shaped 1-1½ inches across in spikes, clear coral-pink in October and November. Height to 1½ feet. A good cut flower and combines well with Asters and other perennials. g.c.

TULBAGHIA violacea (Society Garlic) — Narrow grassy grey green leaves in a clump to 1 foot tall and wide with flower stems 1½ feet long carrying clusters of rosy lavender flowers most of year in mild climates. Attractive to look at but smells just like garlic when touched. g.c.

violacea variegata — Same flowers and habit as above but leaves are lighter green and edged with white. Both varieties tender in very frosty areas. g.c.

VIOLET Parma — The lovely old time double fragrant lavender blue violet. 4's.

OUT OF STOCK LIST

Aster Star of Wartburg
Aubrieta Purple Knoll
Aubrieta Vindictive
Baptisia Australis
Campanula persicifolia Telham Beauty
Campanula pyramidalis
Campanula pyramidalis alba
Chrysanthemum Crimson Champion
Chrysanthemum Champion Cushion
Chrysanthemum Mawii
Dicentra spectabilis

Diplacus Hybrids
Helianthemum Apricot double
Nepeta Souvenir Andre Chauldron
Penstemon Peach
Satoreja trailing soft pink
Solidaster luteus
Verbena venosa
Veronica Crater Lake Blue
Violet alpinus
Violet Marie Louise

* Indicates plants for shade. § Indicates herbs. † Indicates ground covers.